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FOR AF/C - BASSADOR AND MRS. QUANTON FROM SWING

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TAGS: APER (QUANTON, ANTHONY C. E.), CT

SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR QUANTON'S ARRIVAL PREPARATIONS

1. APPRECIATE MRS. QUANTON'S LETTER DATED JANUARY 3  
RECEIVED TODAY.

2. GIVEN VAGARIES OF POUCH, ANSWERS AS BEST KNOWN TO QUESTIONS  
RAISED FOLLOW.

3. RESIDENCE. STATE OF LINENS SATISFACTORY BUT WILL SOON  
NEED REPLACING. RECOMMEND YOU PURCHASE TEN COMPLETE SETS  
FOR DOUBLE BED, TWENTY FOR SINGLE BS INCLUDING BED SPREADS,  
ALL OF TOP QUALITY AND REIMBURSABLE FROM POST FUNDS.  
EMBASSY HAS TEN OR SO ROUNDTOPS WHICH FIT OVER EMBASSY CARD  
TABLES TO SEAT EIGHT PERSONS EACH COMFORTABLY. DIMENSIONS  
OF ONE-PIECE DINING ROOM TABLE AND OTHER RESIDENCE QUESTIONS  
FOLLOW SEPT. CANDLES AVAILABLE LOCALLY BUT EXPENSIVE,  
FAST-BURNING, DRIPPY. HURRICANE LAMPS NOT ESSENTIAL IN VIEW  
ELECTRICAL SERVICE IMPROVEMENT AND EFFICIENT GAS LAMPS AVAILABLE  
AT RESIDENCE. NO PIANO AT RESIDENCE.

4. NO ORGANIZED LOCAL CHAMBER MUSIC GROUP AS SUCH.  
HOWEVER, SEVERAL ACCOMPLISHED AMATEUR MUSICIANS WHO ARE  
EMBASSY FRIENDS GET TOGETHER OCCASIONALLY FOR CLASSICAL  
MUSIC-MAKING AND WOULD CERTAINLY WELCOME YOUR PARTICIPATION.

5. WE HAVE RETAINED ALL FOUR SERVANTS AT RESIDENCE DURING  
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HIATUS. THESE INCLUDE WILLING, RELIABLE SO SOLELY IN

NEED OF SUPERVISION, INSPIRATION AND CULINARY IDEAS, TWO AVERAGE HOUSEBOYS AND ONE LAUNDRYMAN, TWO GARDENERS AND TWO NIGHT WATCHMEN. THE SERVANTS HAVE BEEN WITH RESIDENCA FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND FEEL A CERTAIN DEDICATION TO ITS OCCUPANTS. THEY SPEAK NO ENGLISH BUT THEIR FRENCH GENERALLY COMPREHENSIBLE WHEN TAR TENDENCY TO SPEAK TOO FAST AND INAUDIBLY DOES NOT PREVAIL.

6. WACASAOM ISSARY LAGOS. PORT CONGESTION DOES NOT SERIOUSLY HAMPER DELIVERY OF GOODS FOR WACASC WHEN THESE ARE CLEARLY CONSIGNED TO BE CARRIED BY BOTTOMS BELONGING TO WEST AFRICA SHIPPING CONFERENCE. FOR PRECISELY THIS REASON WE HAVE HAD UNSATISFACTORY EXPERISNCE WITH PETER JUSTESSEN AND OSTERMAN-PETERSEN ORDERS WHICH ARE SHIPPED ON NON-WEST AFRICAN CONFERENCE LINES AND THUS SUBJECT TO LENGTHY DELAYS INCREASING LIKELIHOOD OF PILFERING AND DAMAGE. JACK BRYANT (AF/EX) CAN GIVD YOU WACASC CATALOGUE FROM WHICH YOU CAN SEND US ORDER BY WIRE FOR FEBRUARY 21 SUPPORT FLIGHT.

7. AMERICAN WOMEN IN CAR. BESIDES MISSION STAFF SPOUSES, NUMBER OF AMERICAN LADIES PRESENT IN BANGUI ENVIRONS. THESE INCLUDE WIFE OF LEADING AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN, WIFE OF FULBRIGHT PROFESSOR AT UNIVERSITY, EMBASSY'S FRENCH TEACHER, DOZEN OR SO MISSIONARY SPOUSES, AND WIVIES OF UN AND FAO OFFICIALS, ET AL.

8. LOOK FORWARD RECEIVING BY CABLE ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS THAT MAY OCCUR AND IN PARTICULAR TO WELCOMING YOU TO BANGUI AND THE CAR.

9. HAVE DISCUSSED SCHOOLING SITUATION WITH FRENCH CULTURAL COUNSELOR AND MY OWN CLOSEST FRENCH AND OTHER DIPLOMATIC FRIENDS WITH SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN. (EXCEPT FOR ME EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE NO SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN AND MY THIRTEEN YEAR OLD SON ATTENDS SCHOOL IN EUROPE). BEST JUDGEMENT IS THAT YOU LIKELY BE HAPPIEST HAVING EDEN ATTEND LYCEE CONSULAIDE WHICH UNDER AEGIS OF FRENCH EMBASSY AND ELIZABETH AT LYCEE NOTRE DAME. INITIAL INQUIRY WOULD INDICATE YOU NEED NOT ENROLL THEM BEFORE ARRIVAL BUT SHOULD YOU WISH US TO MAKE PRELIMINARY APPLICATIONS HAPPY OF COURSA TO DO SO.SWING  
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